

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This invention relates to a pre-applied outer layer material for automotive interior trim and a method for the production of an automotive interior trim. More particularly, it relates, in an automotive interior trim produced via a step of thermally bonding an outer layer material and a molded article by using adhesives, to a pre-applied outer layer material having the adhesives applied ~~in advance~~ thereto and a method for the production of an automotive interior trim formed by using the pre-applied outer layer material.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(1) A pre-applied outer layer material for automotive interior trim, which comprises having applied ~~in advance~~ to the back surface of the outer layer material for an automotive interior trim a hotmelt having (A) an amorphous poly( $\alpha$ -olefin) having a melting viscosity in the range of 500-100,000 mPa·s/190°C, (B) a tackifier resin having a softening point determined by the ring and ball method of not lower than 110°C, and (C) a polypropylene wax having a melting point of not lower than 120°C as main components thereof and having a weight ratio of (A) to (C) in the range of 100/50 - 100/100.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(2) A pre-applied outer layer material set forth in (1) above, wherein the outer layer material for automotive interior trim is formed solely of a surface layer material and the hotmelt is directly applied ~~in advance~~ to the back surface of the outer layer material.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(3) A pre-applied outer layer material set forth in (1) above, wherein the outer layer material for automotive interior trim is formed of a surface layer material and a polyolefin foam layer joined to the back surface of the surface layer material ~~thereof~~ by adhesion or thermal fusion and the hotmelt is applied to the surface of the polyolefin foam layer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(6) A pre-applied outer layer material set forth in (4) above, wherein the hotmelt further contains not more than  $\theta$  30 weight % of a polyolefin based on the weight of the hotmelt.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(8) A pre-applied outer layer material for automotive interior trim, which comprises having applied ~~in advance~~ to the back surface of an automotive interior trim a hotmelt having (A) an amorphous poly( $\alpha$ -olefin) having a melting viscosity in the range of 500 - 100,000 mPa·s/190°C, (B) a tackifier resin having a softening point determined by the ring and ball method of not lower than 110°C, and (C) a polypropylene wax having a melting point of not lower than 120°C as main components, having a weight ratio of (A) to (C) in the range of 100/50 - 100/100, and having a weight ratio of (A) the amorphous poly( $\alpha$ -olefin)/(B) the tackifier resin in the range of 100/10 - 100/100.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(9) A pre-applied outer layer material set forth in (78) above, wherein the weight ratio of (A)/(C) is in the range of ~~100/30-100/60~~ 100/50-100/80 and the weight ratio of (A)/(B) is in the range of ~~100/50-100/80~~ 100/30-100/60.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(10) A pre-applied outer layer material set forth in (8) above, wherein the automotive interior trim is formed solely of a surface layer material and the hotmelt is directly applied in advance to the back surface of the surface layer material.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(11) A pre-applied outer layer material set forth in (8), wherein the automotive interior trim is formed of a surface layer material and a polyolefin foam layer joined by adhesion to the back surface of the surface layer material thereof and the hotmelt is applied to the surface of the polyolefin foam layer.